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TO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES DROUGHT, NON-  
ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND BILATERAL RELATIONS

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1. AMB. AHMEDOU OULD ABDULLAH CALLED ON AFR DEPUTY AA  
BROWN AND AF/N COUNTRY OFFICER MONTVILLE AUGUST 23.  
ABDULLAH TOLD BROWN THAT GIRM GRATEFUL FOR U.S. DROUGHT AID  
WHICH HE SAID HAS BEEN ADEQUATE. HE REQUESTED EXPEDITIOUS  
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CONSIDERATION OF GIRM'S REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY GRAIN AIRLIFT

TO INTERIOR (REFTEL) AND EXPRESSED HOPE USG PLANNING ASSIST-  
ANCE FOR POST DROUGHT EMERGENCY REHABILITATION. BROWN  
ASSURED ABDULLAH USG MOVING RAPIDLY ON AIRLIFT QUESTION AND  
THAT MACHINERY BEING SET UP TO CONSIDER SAHEL REHABILITATION  
(MEMCON BEING PREPARED).

2. IN TALK WITH MONTVILLE, ABDULLAH SAID IT UNLIKELY  
PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH WILL ATTEND OUAGADOUGOU SUMMIT OF  
SAHEL HEADS OF STATE SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12 BECAUSE OF ALGIERS  
NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AND OTHER PRIOR COMMITMENTS. HE THOUGHT  
GIRM HEALTH AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS WOULD BE AT  
OUAGADOUGOU HOWEVER.

3. DISCUSSING ALGIERS SUMMIT, ABDULLAH EXPRESSED BELIEF

THAT NON-ALIGNED HEADS OF STATE WOULD CONCENTRATE ON  
ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS AND THAT USG WOULD HOPEFULLY BE  
SUBJECT TO LESS ATTACK THAN IN PREVIOUS SIMILAR MEETINGS.

4. ABDULLAH REQUESTED DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN GIRM'S ATTEMPT  
TO ATTRACT US INVESTMENT TO MAURITANIA. HE NOTED HIS  
ONGOING CONTACTS WITH MINING FIRMS IN PARTICULAR, BUT ALSO  
WITH COMPANIES INTERESTED IN FISHING. HE ALSO WANTS TO  
PROMOTE EXPANDED CULTURAL RELATIONS AND SAID HE TRYING  
TO INTEREST AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGISTS IN MAURITANIA'S PRE-  
ISLAMIC AND ISLAMIC SITES. IN ADDITION TO PRACTICAL VALUE  
OF EXPANDED ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS, ABDULLAH  
SAID HE BELIEVES CLOSER POLITICAL RELATIONS WILL EVOLVE IF  
US HAS DIVERSITY OF INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES IN MAURITANIA.  
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